

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
DALLAS DIVISION**

TEXAS HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES)	
COMMISSION,)	
)	
Plaintiff,)	
)	Civil Action No. 3:15-cv-3851 (DCG)
v.)	
)	
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
)	

NOTICE OF ARRIVAL OF SYRIAN REFUGEES

The Federal Defendants hereby provide notice that seven Syrian refugees arrived for resettlement in Houston, Texas, today, January 22, 2016. The group consists of a married couple and their five children, aged two to twelve years old. No individual in this group was admitted pursuant to a “material support” exemption.

The Federal Defendants hereby acknowledge and sincerely apologize for the fact that they did not provide Plaintiff with seven days’ advance notice of the arrival of this group of Syrian refugees, as required by the Court’s instruction to the Federal Defendants during the December 7, 2015, telephone status conference. The failure to provide the required notice on the instant occasion was inadvertent, not intentional, and apparently occurred because of miscommunications among personnel within the Department of State. The Federal Defendants have otherwise provided the required notice; on December 24, 2015, they notified Plaintiff of the scheduled January 25, 2016, arrival in Texas of another group of three Syrian refugees (a mother and her two teenage children). Once the oversight was discovered earlier today, Department of Justice counsel were immediately alerted and this notice was prepared and filed. The

Department of State, in consultation with Department of Justice counsel, is also taking immediate steps to avoid any additional failure to provide the notice required by the Court.

Dated: January 22, 2016

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that on January 22, 2016, I caused to be filed electronically the foregoing notice with the Clerk of Court using the Court's CM/ECF system, which sends a Notice of Electronic Filing to counsel of record.

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